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ENTERTAINING THE FLEET.

Some of the Possible Features of Local Reception of the Prospective Thousands of Naval Visitors.

The entertainment of the American fleet here is a problem of no little difficulty. There will be twenty thousand or so of the visitors, and this number seems almost too great for Honolulu to undertake handling, at any specialized entertainments, except perhaps a banquet for the officers. A grand ball would also probably be appreciated. The Throneroom, enlarged as it was for the great inaugural ball of Governor Dole, with the Capitol illumined, would be suitable for such an occasion. The building is itself a place of great interest to visitors. For a banquet the bench is the place. As far as the men are concerned, the various religious organizations which have always looked after such visitors will do so again. The open house kept at Fort and Merchant streets when the Big Four were here might be repeated on a bigger scale at the old fishmarket.

In a general way, Honolulu can probably do more effective work by an elaborate decoration of the city than by any efforts to feed or entertain the great body of men. If the town is dressed up with plenty of American colors, and especially illumined at night and if there are "welcome" banners on main streets, Honolulu citizens will have expressed proper greeting which all every visitor will see and appreciate. Baseball games, theatrical and other entertainments will probably develop by private enterprise. The Hawaiian tableaux several times given here to meagre audiences would fill any building we have when the fleet is here.

The difficulty with any plan for feeding the visitors is their numbers. Ordinarily it is to be presumed that not more than about 4,000 men would be given shore leave at a time, which means that if all are to have leave, the fleet must stay here a considerable time. Any effort to get the men all together in one great entertainment would be rushing things and crowding our capacities almost beyond reason, and might shorten the fleet's visit. San Francisco is raising a great fund, \$100,000 is the sum talked of, with which to entertain, but under present conditions Honolulu merchants can scarcely do anything like this. As one feature of our welcome, however, Honolulu would do well to undertake the most elaborate decoration and illumination she can, it would be something every individual man among the visitors would be bound to see and appreciate.

BY HIS OWN PETARD.

Thaw's Case for Defense in Murder Trial May Doom Him When It Comes to Trying to Prove Sanity Now.

The trouble with getting Thaw out of the asylum on the ground that he has recovered his sanity is that the vigorous prosecution by District Attorney Jerome compelled the defense to pile up cumulative evidence that he had been insane from birth. Influenced by the first great consideration of saving his neck, the defense put in so much evidence to show constitutional, progressive insanity, culminating in the White murder and easily seen to be likely to culminate in another, that a recovery will be hard to establish. It is evident now that the defense in the first trial tried to avoid this and did not put in all its case.

The captain of the Despatch would certainly seem to be excusable for hitting a reef while steering by a lighthouse that had been moved without his knowledge.

Hayashi appears to lose no opportunity to repeat declarations that Japan intends to stop the immigration of her subjects to the United States, Hawaii and Mexico.

The eyes of the world are on the new King of Portugal. He is a fine looking lad, strikingly like the elder brother who has just been killed and, like the latter, very young looking for his age.

The Board of Health is out with the usual semi-monthly statement of deaths from contagious diseases in Honolulu. There were nine such deaths during the period covered, and all were from consumption.

When once Pearl Harbor improvements are well started, it is doubtful whether this port will ever be without some American war ships. It would not be surprising if the big fleet now coming left a vessel or two behind when it starts "home" via the Far East.

Sticking to schedule, the big fleet is supposed to leave Punta Arenas tomorrow, starting on the only dangerous part of the great voyage. A few hours after getting under way tomorrow, the fleet if all is well will pass through the narrow end of the straits named after the early circumnavigator of the globe, and pass into the Pacific ocean.

Uncle Sam is planning to take a new census, the census of 1910. Here is a chance for someone to get a job handling the work in Hawaii. Who wants it? Also there will be a lot of jobs for information-gatherers, and there will be a deadly crop of revived jokes about the census man. It cost \$150 per capita to take the last census of the United States.

The assassination of the King of Portugal and his son is an event to make heads that wear crowns remember and feel keenly how uneasy they ought to lie. Intervals between such events are not very long in the modern history of the occidental nations. Our own nation is no better off than the lands of autocracy, for the list of assassinations of American Presidents and Governors is a fearful one.

The settlement association plan, which Governor Frear recently criticized quite severely, seems to offer about the only scheme under which American settlers could be recruited to come here and work the idle lands upon which it is believed by many they could prosper to a very high degree. They cannot be expected to travel all the way

The Man and His Job

By HERBERT J. HAPGOOD.

As Leslie M. Shaw, ex-watch-dog of the Treasury, liked to put it, "there's a big difference between a man looking for a situation and one looking for work."

Too many young fellows start in and begin to talk salary, the first thing, before making the least attempt to "show" the old man, who is generally from Missouri, when it comes to handing out a job.

"When a man is out of work I think he shouldn't hesitate to spend his last dollar to make his personal appearance first-class in every way," is the conclusion of H. H. Vreeland, President of the New York City Street Railway Company, who knows by experience just how many times the laundry can be beaten with the aid of a rubber collar.

After all advice is cheap. The best advice is poor at the best. Some advise boldness in the applicant, some advise meekness, again others emphasize the importance of a man's appearance, his record, his actual knowledge of his job, or his versatility in adding side-lines to his enterprise, and so on *ad infinitum*.

Suggestions by example, and not advice in the abstract, is what the applicant needs, and will need. Take the case of a German chemist who had been having several interviews with a big industrial firm for a position worth \$2800. "He has got ability all right," the manager confided to me, "but I don't feel very strong about taking him on; he looks too much like a damned anarchist."

I rang up my German friend on the 'phone, and told him that that job was his if he would go to a barber shop, or a harvesting machine company, and let them reduce his beard and hair crops to human proportions.

The German obeyed and turned up like a new coin the next day. His cave-dweller's beard had been tamed down to a very sagacious Van Dyke, and his anarchist pompadour had been laid down like a field after a squall. He looked very smooth in comparison with his erstwhile appearance and he got the job.

Most men need little hints of this and other kinds, but the safest way is to prepare yourself—prime yourself in advance—for many question or subject that may come up when the boss starts on you.

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"I'm afraid not, pardner," yawned the proprietor of the One Horse inn. "One of them thar actor folks that is stopping here borrowed it."

"Borrowed it?"

"Yes, he is down to the opera house taking the part of the ghost in 'Hamlet.'"

WHERE PRICES RUN HIGH.

"The late H. O. Havemeyer," said a sugar jobber of New Orleans, "possessed in a marked degree the kindly virtue of charity."

"On my last visit to New York—it was some months before the panic—I spoke harshly of a millionaire who had been accused of double dealing in connection with a bank."

"Well, now," said Mr. Havemeyer, "let us not condemn this man unheard. Remember that his guilt has not yet been proved, nor has he yet told his own side of the story."

"Then Mr. Havemeyer laughed and said that in the most untoward conditions accused men were often able to clear themselves. He said a young girl a week or so after Christmas complained bitterly to her mother."

"Mamma, I doubt if I shall be happy with George. I fear he is deceptive and false."

"Why darling, what do you mean?" the mother asked.

"Well, mamma," said the young girl earnestly, "you know that coral pin ne gave me for Christmas? He swore to

me that he paid \$25 for it, but in Biffany's today I saw its exact counterpart for \$5."

"Ah, but, my child," said the mother with true charity, "you must remember how very religious George is. Undoubtedly he bought the pin at a church fair."

A QUAIN COMPLIMENT.

On Mark Twain's seventy-second birthday a Hartford clergyman said to him:

"No wonder he finds happiness in old age. All the aged would be happy if they were as sympathetic and as kind as he. He is continually going out of his way to please others, and the result is that he is continually pleasing himself."

"Listen, for instance, to the quaint complaint he paid me the last time he came to hear me preach. He waited for me at the church door at the service's end, an dshaking me by the hand said gravely:

"I mean no offence, but I feel obliged to tell you that the preaching this morning has been of a kind that I can spare. I go to church, sir, to pursue my own train of thought. But today I couldn't do it. You interfered with me. You forced me to attend to you, and lost me a full half hour. I beg that this may not occur again."

"Yes," said the miss who was writing a love letter "every time I write a word and am not sure it is spelled correctly I make a blot over it."

"But don't you think he will be suspicious of so many blots?" asked her chum.

"No, indeed. You see, I just draw a little heart around it and he thinks every blot is a kiss."

here on mere chances of getting lands, but under the settlement association plan it is apparently possible to give a definite company of such settlers assurances that each can secure a tract. It has been repeatedly stated for years that Americans could easily be secured for such lands in Hawaii. It would seem to be worth while for the Promotion Committee to undertake an investigation of this feature of Promotion work in connection with the snowy slopes and sunny skies, which are not good hard times assets.

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